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**ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT ANNOUNCES UPCOMING VACANCY IN  
FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

Illinois Supreme Court Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier announced Friday that an application process has begun for a Circuit Court vacancy in the Fourth Judicial Circuit.

The at-large Circuit vacancy is being created by the announced resignation of Circuit Judge John Coady, effective October 3, 2009.

Under the Illinois Constitution, the Supreme Court holds the authority to fill interim judicial vacancies. Justice Karmeier uses an application, evaluation and interview process to make recommendations to the Court for vacancies in the Fifth Judicial District.

Notice of the vacancy has been posted in courthouses throughout the Fourth Judicial Circuit. Applicants must submit a cover letter with the Requested Information of an Applicant Form to: Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier, Supreme Court of Illinois, P.O. Box 266, Nashville, IL 62263.

The form may be obtained from the office of Chief Judge Gene Schwarm of the Fourth Judicial Circuit; the presiding judge or circuit clerks of the counties within the Fourth Circuit or from Justice Karmeier.

Applicants' cover letter and completed form must be received in Justice Karmeier's office no later than **Monday, August 17, 2009**. The person appointed to fill the vacancy will serve until the position is filled through the November, 2010 general election. The appointment will terminate December 6, 2010. To be eligible for appointment, a person must be a resident of the Fourth Judicial Circuit at the time of the appointment.

The Fourth Judicial Circuit is comprised of nine counties: Clinton, Marion, Clay, Jasper, Effingham, Fayette, Shelby, Christian and Montgomery.

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**(FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: Joseph Tybor, press secretary to the Illinois Supreme Court, at 312.793.2323)**